Division of Public Health DPH 5291 (Rev. 08/04)

## **WISCONSIN BIRTH CERTIFICATE APPLICATION**

**PENALTIES:** Any person who willfully and knowingly makes false application for a birth certificate is guilty of a Class I felony [a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than three years and six months, or both, per Chapter 69.24(1), Wisconsin Statutes].

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## What is the difference between a certified and an uncertified copy of a birth certificate issued by the Wisconsin Vital Records Office?

A **certified copy** of a birth certificate issued by our office will have a raised seal, will show the signature of the State Registrar, and will be printed on security paper. A certified copy of a birth certificate may be required to obtain a state-issued driver's license or identification, for travel to foreign countries, to obtain a passport or for benefit purposes.

State law restricts who may obtain a certified copy of a birth certificate. A certified copy may be issued to:

- The person named on the certificate;
- The spouse of the person named on the certificate;
- A parent of the person named on the certificate;
- A sibling of the person named on the certificate;
- A child of the person named on the certificate;
- A grandparent of the person named on the certificate;
- A person authorized in writing by one of the above (The written authorization must accompany the request and the relationship
  of the authorizing party to the subject of the record must be clearly explained.); or
- A person who can demonstrate that the certificate is required to determine or to protect a personal or property right.

If you do not meet one of the above criteria, you cannot receive a certified copy of a birth certificate.

An **uncertified copy** will contain the same information as a certified copy but will **not** be acceptable for legal purposes, such as obtaining identification.

According to Chapter 69, Wisconsin Statutes, the following kinds of birth certificates are only available to persons with a "direct and tangible interest":

- A child born to unmarried parents and paternity has not been established.
- A child born to unmarried parents and paternity was established by court order.